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DATE: JUNE 30, 1974

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IN A SHARP DEPARTURE FROM RECENT FORM, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED RECEPTIVITY TO THE IDEA OF A VISIT TO JAPAN BY PRESIDENT NIXON INTHE NEAR-FUTURE. A JAPANESE PRESS REPORT OF JUNE 28 STATES THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE NOW RATHER UPBEAT ON THE IDEA THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1974.

ONE REASON FOR THE SHIFT IN ATTITUDEDE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, IS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOMES IN BRUSSELS AND MOSCOW; AND TOKYO PROBABLY WANTS TO AVOID BEING LEFT OUT OF THE SUMMITRY. IN DOING THE ARITHMETIC OF CONFLICTING DATE:
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LEADERSHIP OBLIGATIONS AND POLITICAL DEMANDS, THE JAPANESE COME UP WITH THE LAST HALF OF NOVEMBER AS THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. SECOND CHOICE APPEARS TO BE SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY 10. E-2 IMPDET.H

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